# Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Legal Legislative Committee

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chairperson Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary Aaron Otto, Member

Meeting Location: 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49770 Commons Area

# MINUTES November 16, 2011

Call to Order: 10:30 a.m.

#### **Committee Member Roll Call**

Present: Winnay Wemigwase, Aaron Otto, Regina Gasco-Bentley

Absent:

Legislative Office Staff Present: Michele LaCount – Legislative Office Manager, James Bransky - General Counsel

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Julie Shananaquet – Vice Chair, Dexter McNamara – Chairman, Guests:

# Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Aaron Otto and supported by Winnay Wemigwase to adopt the agenda of November 16, 2011 with amendments.

(Review October 28, 2011 Minutes; Election of Officers; Legal Dept. verbal update)

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

**Motion Carried** 

#### **Minutes**

Motion made by Winnay Wemigwase and supported by Aaron Otto to approve the Minutes of October 28, 2011 with corrections.

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

**Motion Carried** 

# **New Business**

a) Election of Officers

Motion made by Winnay Wemigwase and supported by Aaron Otto to appoint Regina Gasco-Bentley as Chairperson of the Legal and Legislative Committee.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstained (Regina Gasco-Bentley), 0-Absent

Motion Carried

Motion made by Aaron Ottoand supported by Regina Gasco Bentley to appoint Winnay Wemigwase as Secretary of the Legal and Legislative Committee.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstained (Winnay Wemigwase), 0-Absent Motion Carried

- b) Executive Issues- for discussion:
  - 1. 911 Spring Street Move: Vice-Chair Julie Shananaquet informed the Committee that the Human Services Department will be moving soon and next will be Judicial, Law Enforcement and Prosecutor. All departments will be doing a walk through this week for any changes needed to the building. Within the next couple weeks an inspector go through building to be sure everything is up to code.

- 2. Employee Handbook Revision Process Update: Vice-Chair is hoping to have it to Council before the end of the year.
- 3. Chairman McNamara discussed with the Committee some concerns with resolutions vs certified motions.
- c) Legal Department Verbal Update- James Bransky discussion:
  - 1. Fredericks & Peebles drafting memo regarding the Bay Mills/Vanderbilt;
  - 2. Draft Contract with A. Maldonado re: LTBB Chief Judge Compensation to Committee for review today (11/16/11).
  - 3. Update re: Tribal Court date of 11/15/11 for C-120-0411

Lunch: 12:07 p.m. Return: 1:32 p.m.

Motion made by Aaron Otto and supported by Winnay Wemigwase to recommend to the Legislative Leader approval of the Chief Judge Compensation Contract with Allie Maldonado.

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

# **Old Business**

- a) 911 Spring Street covered in "b) Executive Issues"
- b) Resolutions: Discussion- Background and explanation of process of review, repeal, rescission of outdated resolutions; no action taken.

#### **Public Comment**

Time Opened: 2:02 p.m., Time Closed: 2:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 in Room 312 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Winnay Wemigwase and supported by Aaron Otto to adjourn meeting at 2:13 p.m. Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent